

## **Data Portal—Legislative Requirements**

<b>Legislative Requirement—Section 32.258. STUDENT ASSESSMENT DATA; DATA PORTAL.</b>
<p><b>(a)</b> The agency shall establish and maintain a student assessment data portal for use by school districts, teachers, parents, students, and public institutions of higher learning. The agency shall establish a secure, interoperable system to be implemented through the portal under which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>(1)</b> a student or the student’s parent or other person standing in parental relationship can easily access the student’s individual assessment data;</li><li><b>(2)</b> an authorized employee of a school district, including a district teacher, can readily access individual assessment data of district students for use in developing strategies for improving student performance; and</li><li><b>(3)</b> an authorized employee of a public institution of higher education can readily access individual assessment data of students applying for admission for use in developing strategies for improving student performance.</li></ul>
<p><b>(b)</b> The system established under Subsection (a) shall provide a means for a student or the student’s parent or other person standing in parental relationship to track the student’s progress on assessment instrument requirements for graduation.</p>
<p><b>(c)</b> The agency shall establish an interoperable system to be implemented through the portal under which general student assessment data is easily accessible to the public</p>
<p><b>(d)</b> Student assessment data provided under this section must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>(1)</b> be available on or before the first instructional day of the school year following the year in which the data is collected; and</li><li><b>(2)</b> include student performance data on assessment instruments over multiple years, beginning with the 2007–2008 school year, including any data indicating progress in student achievement.</li></ul>
<p><b>(e)</b> Each system established under this section must permit comparisons of student performance information at the classroom, campus, district, and state levels.</p>

**Data Portal—Current Plans and Implementation Timeline**

**(a-1) Students & Parents**

Portal access for students and parents is planned for December 2010. Login information will be provided to students and parents via the student's Confidential Student Report, which is provided after each test administration.

**(a-2) School Districts & District Teachers**

Portal access for authorized district and campus personnel will be available in fall 2010. The capability for teachers to access their student's information will require a link between the teachers and their students. District personnel will be able to compare longitudinal data across campuses.

**(a-3) Public Institutions of Higher Learning**

Providing results to public institutions of higher learning is planned for December 2010. Data sharing policies and the mechanisms for data sharing are yet to be determined.

**(b) Graduation Requirements**

Students and parents will have the ability to track the student's progress on the assessment requirements for graduation (same access as described in a-1). This will include the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exit level tests as well as the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End-of-Course (EOC) graduation requirements. This tracking capability will be available for TAKS in December 2010.

**(c) Public Access**

General student assessment data (non confidential information) is currently accessible to the public. Enhancements will be provided in the future so that the data can be disaggregated at multiple levels with appropriate masking of information to ensure student confidentiality.

**(d-1) Student Assessment Data (annual availability)**

Assessment data will be provided throughout the year within the portal once the data have been verified by the Texas Education Agency. Student assessment data will be accessible by the first instructional day of the school year following the year in which the data are collected.

**(d-2) Student Assessment Data (historical availability)**

Information beginning with the 2007–2008 school year will be incorporated into the data portal. In addition, assessment information at the test level (passing status) will be provided for TAKS assessments prior to 2007–2008. This capability will be available in fall 2010.

**(e) Data Comparisons**

Comparisons at the campus, district, and state levels will be available in 2011 through “analytic” reporting. Comparisons at the classroom level will not be possible until a link between teachers and students is made available for Texas student assessment data. This information is scheduled to be available through PEIMS in fall 2011.